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A bottle adapter inserts into the mouth of a standard-sized baby bottle and converts it into a "sippy bottle" for toddlers who have outgrown nipples and can negotiate straws. The adapter, which is normally made of soft plastic, comprises a disk with a lip around the periphery that fits into the mouth of the bottle, providing a leakproof seal. The disk further defines a center hole for the straw, such straw being made from soft, flexible plastic which is transparent so that one can easily ascertain its cleanliness.

In the preferred embodiment, the disk comprises a thickened center portion through which the center hole extends, so that the straw actually fits into a "tunnel" through the disk, providing an interference fit that is leakproof.